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## PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants: Satoshi MIKAMI et al

For: SKIN CONTACTING ARTICLE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231Bet  
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## RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2002,  
Applicants respectfully request entry of the following  
amendments:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 12, 17 and 21 as follows. A marked-up copy is enclosed.

"D'Arenas"  
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12. (Amended) A skin contacting article used in contact with the skin, said article comprising a base layer and natural organic impalpable powder firmly adhered to a side of the base layer which contacts with the skin, the powder being adhered to the base layer by coating a treatment comprising the powder onto the base layer and drying the treatment thereon.

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17. (Twice Amended) A skin contacting article used in contact with the skin, said article comprising a base layer and natural organic impalpable powder firmly adhered to a side of the base layer which contacts with the skin by a treatment